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SUBJ: PRESS RELEASE ON EXIMBANK CREDIT TO REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, FOLLOWING IS FINAL TEXT OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK RELEASE ON THE DIRECT CREDIT OF \$8.1 MILLION TO DIRECTORATE GENE RAL

OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. RELEASE IS SCHEDUL FD

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT HERE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR A.M. PAPERS FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1975.

QUOTE: EXIMBANK SUPPORTS \$27 MILLION SALE OF U.S. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WITH \$8.1 MILLION CREDIT TO REPUBLIC OF CHINA

TO SUPPORT A \$27 MILLION SALE OF U.S. ELECTRONIC SWITCHING SYSTEM TELEPHONE EXCHANGES TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA(TAIWAN), THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES HAS AUTHORIZ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A DIRECT CREDIT OF \$8.1 MILLION TO FINANCE 30 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL U.S. COSTS, ACCORDING TO EXIMBANK'S CHAIRMAN WILLIAM J. CASEY. A CREDIT OF \$13.5 MILLION FROM PRIVATE SOURCES NOT YET DESIGNATED

WILL FINANCE 50 PERCENT OF THE U.S. COSTS OF WHICH AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 20 PERCENT OF U.S. DOLLAR COSTS WILL BE COVERED BY EXIMBANK'S FINANCIAL GUARANTEE. THE BORROWER,

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

WILL MAKE CASH PAYMENT OF THE BALANCE OF THE U.S. COST OF 20 PERCENT OR \$5.4 MILLION

THE PROJECT PROVIDES FOR THE INITIAL STAGE OF A LONG RANGE PROGRAM TO INTRODUCE ELECTRONIC SWITCHING TYPE TELEPHONE EXCHANGES TO THE TAIWAN LOCAL TELEPHONE NETWORK. IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR NECESSARY POWER AND AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT FOR 32 EXISTING TELEPHONE EXCHANGES. U.S. SUPPLIERS HAVE NOT YET BEEN FIRMLY DESIGNATED.

THE LOANS ARE TO BE REPAID IN 16 SEMIANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING DECEMBER 10, 1977, WITH EXIMBANJ'S CREDIT REPAID IN THE FINAL INSTALLMENTS. INTEREST ON EXIMBANK'S DIRECT CREDIT OF \$8.1 MILLION WILL BE AT THE RATE OF 8 PERCENT PER ANNUM, WHICH WHEN BLENDED WITH THE PORITON OF THE CREDIT FROM PRIVATE COURCES RESULTS IN AN ESTIMATED INTEREST COST TO THE BORROWER, BASED ON CURRENT RATES, OF ABOUT 9.5 PERCENT TO 9.75 PERCENT PER ANNUM.

REPAYMENT OF EXIMBANK'S LOAN IS TO BE GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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